

Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH, 2018

You are invited to share your sorrows and joys with the congregation by filling out a Candle Card in the back pew on the right-hand side of the sanctuary. Candle Cards are collected until the end of greetings.

PRELUDE

Improvisation on Lenten Hymns *Tyler Turner*

Tyler Turner, organ

WELCOME AND CHALICE LIGHTING

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

INTROIT

Hear My Song *Jason Robert Brown* (b. 1970)

Daniel Rosensweig, tenor

GREETINGS

*HYMN 40

The Morning Hangs a Signal

1 The morning hangs a signal upon the mountain crest, while all the sleeping valleys in silent darkness rest. From peak to peak it flashes, it laughs along the sky, till glory of the sunlight on all the land shall lie.

2 Above the generations the lonely prophets rise, while truth flares as the daystar within their glowing eyes; and other eyes, beholding, are kindled from that flame; and dawn becomes the morning, when prophets love proclaim.

3 The soul has lifted moments, above the drift of days, when life's great meaning breaketh in sunrise on our ways. Behold the radiant token of faith above all fear; night shall release its splendor that morning shall appear.

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY

Sanctuary *John W. Thompson and Randy Scruggs* (b. 1953)

adaptation: *Crawford Harvie/Buckles*

arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Open my heart to be a sanctuary
All made holy, loved and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for you

AFFIRMATION AND COVENANT

Love is the spirit
of this congregation,
And service is our gift.
This is our great covenant:
To dwell together in peace,
To speak our truths in love,
And to help one another.

El amor es el espíritu
de nuestra congregación
Y el servicio es nuestro regalo.
Esto es a lo que nos comprometemos:
Convivir en paz,
Hablar nuestras verdades con amor,
Y ayudarnos los unos a los otros.

***HYMN 34**

Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire

1 Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all
inspire, and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass,
and hopeless gain.

2 Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

3 Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be
made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship,
and are freed.

SERMON

Flu Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

CANTICLE

Heaven *Brett Dennen* (b. 1979)

Daniel Rosensweig, tenor

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

During the offertory, you are invited to open your heart and
engage in the spiritual practice of generosity. For 289 years,
the abundant support of our community has allowed Arlington
Street Church to remain a beacon for liberal religious values in
downtown Boston. Your gifts in the Sunday plate sustain both the
church and the larger community – half of the offering is shared



with a partner in our mission of love, service, justice,
and peace. As a convenient option, you may text the
word GIVE to 617-300-0509 or scan the QR code.

Thank you for your stewardship and support!

OFFERTORY

Down to the River to Pray *Traditional American Song*

arrangement: *Mark Hayes* (b. 1953) and *Douglas Wagner* (b. 1952)

Tyler Turner, organ

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

***HYMN 1028**

The Fire of Commitment

1. From the light of days remembered burns a beacon bright
and clear Guiding hands and hearts and spirits Into faith set
free from fear.

Chorus: When the fire of commitment sets our mind and soul a
blaze When our hunger and our passion meet to call us on our
way When we live with deep assurance of the flame that burns
within, Then our promise finds fulfillment and our future can
begin.

**You are invited to stand as you are willing and able.*

2. From the stories of our living rings a song both brave and free, Calling pilgrims still to witness to the life of liberty.

3. From the dreams of youthful vision comes a new, prophetic voice, Which demands a deeper justice built by our courageous choice

***BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

***RECESSIONAL** (*sung twice; please join in!*)

When You Walk From Here text: *Linnea Good*
music: *Tom Witt*, arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

*When you walk from here, When you walk from here,
Walk with justice, Walk with mercy, walk humbly in God's care.*

POSTLUDE

Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above

arrangement: *Douglas Wagner* (b. 1952)

Tyler Turner, organ

Today in Children's Religious Education (CRE)

For today's intergenerational worship, children and youth are invited to sit with their families or join Beth in the balcony to enjoy the service with sermon bingo, coloring, and some of our favorite stuffed animal friends. Kids will head up to the balcony as we sing *Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire* and return during our closing hymn, *The Fire of Commitment*.

Allie and Lena are available in the nursery to care for babies and small children. To find the nursery, go through the leather door to the right of the pulpit and cross through the chapel. The nursery is on your left before the stairs.

February Share the Plate: Renewal House in Boston

Since 1980, Renewal House has provided temporary emergency shelter and advocacy services to individuals and families escaping domestic violence. Renewal House was one of the first domestic violence shelters in the state to provide shelter for male as well as female survivors, and is sought out by other agencies for its expertise in attending to the spiritual needs of survivors. Renewal House works closely with other programs that serve the LGBTQI communities, as well as those that serve elders and individuals with disabilities, to support these under-served populations.

Among its many programs, Renewal House offers a 24-hour hotline, bilingual Spanish and English advocacy, support groups and pastoral counseling, English as a second language (ESL) classes and job training, and community outreach education. For more information, please visit www.uuum.org. *Thank you for your generosity!*